

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of August 7, 2018 through August 12, 2018.

Tuesday

08/07/2018

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer will be in the office this week to oversee entries and handle any other business that may arise and will record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$12,500 claim, was off with no entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Fifty six horses were finally gathered by midafternoon to produce two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races.

Wednesday

08/08/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

Two rider switches completed Friday's program changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the book, maiden three year olds for a \$5,000 claim, failed to attract an entry.

(3) THE DRAW

The entry booth was a bit kinder this morning. Sixty-five horses passed the entry box making up two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races.

Thursday

08/09/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

Again today two rider changes completed Saturday's program adjustments.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$6250, was called off with no entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Sunday's nine race program will be comprised of three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races.

Friday

08/10/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Sunday's program resulted in two rider changes.

(2) RULING #180

RULING # 180

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL HAVING PARTICIPATED IN MORE THAN ONE DESIGNATED RACE WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION, SHALL SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION DAY (AUGUST 17, 2018) IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TERMS OF L.A.Q.H. RULING #177, DATED JULY 29, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Rangel rode both of the Golden State Derby Trials on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

(3) RULING #181

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TRAINER JOSE FLORES, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "EL SAUCITO", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 7, 2018, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B & D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (F)(4)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – DEXAMETHASONE (39 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (5PG/ML).

The above ruling was issued after an informal hearing was conducted concerning Complaint #18LA0152. Trainer Flores explained that El Saucito had been sent to the test barn after his race prior to the one in question and the test proved to be negative. According to Jose the horse had been treated exactly the same in both races and could not explain why the second test came up positive.

(4) FILMS

Apprentice Kellie McDaid reviewed Sunday's second race with the Stewards today. Film shows her mount drift in through most of the stretch run in the 870 yard race. Fortunately, the contact she made with Tarzanita, who was drifting out, was inconsequential so there was no need for us to get involved.

(5) NO PROBLEMS

Friday evening went quite smoothly with nothing of significance to note.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #2 Ercoles (K. Castaneda) Sick. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$287
3rd Race #5 Gracias Tom (E. January) Unsound. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$9051
4th Race #7 Foxy Thriller (E. January) Entered Back. Stewards Refund: \$61
6th Race #2 Finding Mr Perry (J. Nunez) Unsound. Dr. Beck Refund: \$58

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	730	On Track Handle:	\$94,408.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,893</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$927,318.34
Total:	2,623	Out of State:	<u>\$178,658.60</u>
			\$1,200,385.14

Saturday

08/11/2018

(1) RULING #182

RULING # 182

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 10, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Franco was witnessed violating Rule #1688(b)(6) during last evenings seventh race.

(2) RULING #183

RULING # 183

OWNER JAMES A. DAVIS, HAVING APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS, AND PROVIDED DOCUMENTATION OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS, IS NOW ELIGIBLE TO BE RELICENSED. RULING #51, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 22, 2014, AND RULING #111 ISSUED AT SANTA ANITA ON MARCH 23, 2014, ARE SET ASIDE.

Mr. Davis produced bankruptcy papers, which were reviewed by Boards counsel Robert Brodnik, expunging his track financial debts. Mr. Davis explained that debts accrued while his wife was being treated for cancer led to his decision to file for bankruptcy.

(3) RULING #184

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JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL HAVING RIDDEN WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION, SHALL SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION DAY (AUGUST 18, 2018) IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TERMS OF L.A.Q.H. RULING #177, DATED JULY 29, 2018.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Rangel slipped through the cracks and was allowed to participate while under suspension.

(4) RULING #185

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JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND – SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 5, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Armando Viramontes became a bit aggressive in Sunday's fifth race and violated Rule #1688(b)(6).

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

The fourth race claim of Maters by trainer Yanet Rodriguez was voided after Dr. Beck placed the gelding on the Vet's List as unsound. He was returned to trainer Monty Arrossa.

(6) GOOD NIGHT

It was another very pleasant evening of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing at Los Alamitos with nothing untoward occurring.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #2 Reva Bella (J. Nunez) Injured. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$283
4th Race #5 Legally Hot (R. Dominguez) Colic. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$514
4th Race #2 Valiant Thoughts (P. Visscher) Sick. Dr. Beck Refund: \$178
6th Race #1 If I Called (M. Fales) Sick. Dr. Beck Refund: \$149
6th Race #6 Working Stiff (J. Glenn Jr) Entered Back. Stewards Refund: \$128

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	850	On Track Handle:	\$107,350.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,886</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$393,419.30
Total:	2,736	Out of State:	<u>\$987,048.82</u>
			\$1,487,818.52

Sunday

08/12/2018

(1) COMPLAINTS #18LA0141 AND #18LA0162

A formal hearing was convened today to address the above referenced complaints. Present were Stewards David Nuesch, Tom Ward, and James Dreyer, Trainer Charles Treece, Dr. Rick Overly, Supervising Investigator Dennis Drulius, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson. Recording the proceedings is Michelle Derieg. Trainer Treece's testimony was very brief deferring to Dr. Overly who he stated makes all of his decisions concerning medication on his horses. Dr. Overly explained that Betamethasone is a very sensitive drug to work with and when it comes to putting it into a hock it becomes even more difficult. He said that the space he has to

make the injection is minimal in comparison to other joints increasing the risk of leakage. Also, the cartilage around the hock is much denser adding to the risk that any leakage could linger in the tissue for an additional period of time.

All testimony will be evaluated and a decision will be forthcoming.

(2) CLAIM VOIDED

The second race claim of Battle Jet by trainer Kelly Castaneda was voided after Dr. Beck placed the seven year old on the Vet's List as unsound. He was returned to Jose Avalos.

(3) CLEAR SAILING

It was another good evening at Los Alamitos with nothing of significance to report.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #4 My Secret Affair (J. Wallace II) Sick. Dr. Beck Refund: \$235

6th Race #3 Working Stiff (J. Glenn Jr) Flipped In Gate. Stewards Refund: \$8,844

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	629	On Track Handle:	\$95,940.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,770</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$349,786.20
Total:	2,399	Out of State:	<u>\$872,313.59</u>
			\$1,318,040.09

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 12, 2018. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 12 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 5 for sickness. Four horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 08/10	SAT 08/11	SUN 08/12	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	13
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	20
CLAIMS			R		2	5	0	7	224
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	31
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	55
REFUNDS		A			4	5	2	11	267
RULINGS			Y		2	4	0	6	181
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	1	2	36

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards James Dreyer, David Nuesch, Tom Ward, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

Paul Atkinson (Safety Steward)